

**In reference to Schedule “B”, page 41 of 82 – Transformers, with a project cost of \$4,975,000:**

**Q. Please state the total number of pole mounted transformers to be purchased and the cost per unit. Please state the total number of pad transformers to be purchased and the cost per unit. Please provide the labour costs associated with the installation of these transformers.**

A. The number of pole mounted transformers to be purchased in 2003 is forecast to be 3,000. The average cost per unit is \$1,450, for a total budgeted cost of \$4,350,000.

The number of padmount transformers to be purchased in 2003 is forecast to be 50. The cost per unit ranges from \$8,000 for a single phase unit to \$15,000 for a 3-phase unit. The total budgeted cost for padmount transformers is \$500,000.

The remaining \$125,000 of this budget item relates to refurbishment of transformers.

The labour cost associated with installation of transformers is not budgeted under the Transformer Project. These labour costs are budgeted under other Distribution projects such as Extensions, Reconstruction and Truck Feeders. The labour cost associated with the installation of pole mounted transformers ranges from approximately \$250 for a single-phase unit to \$380 for a 3-phase bank. The labour cost associated with installation of padmount transformers is approximately \$850 for a single-phase unit and \$1,330 for a 3-phase unit.